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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Now that the Department of Justice and Microsoft have reached an agreement, why can't we just move on? It doesn't make sense that all of these states and companies are jumping on the bandwagon. I think that they are all liberal opportunists that are looking for a quick buck. What benefit does all of this have on the economy? Zero.

Microsoft has gone out of its way to settle this case, beyond what was required in the suit. They agreed to make available to the competition, protocols implemented from parts of its operating system that are used to operate with their server. Microsoft also agreed to the creation of a technical committee that will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement and assist with any disputes.

Now that Microsoft has agreed to such generous terms, shouldn't we agree to let the settlement stand. Our Government has more pressing issues that they need to focus their attention on. I trust that you will do the right thing. Thanks for your support in these efforts.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Conant